



The stage of Jackson's City Auditorium was impressive, during the appointment service held by the Foreign Mission Board on Tuesday night, April 11 in connection with the Board's first meeting ever held in the state, on April 10-12. Dr. Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary (at right) is seen giving his report. On the stage were the new appointees, Board members and staff, the Mississippi College Concert choir which rendered special music and several guests. The auditorium was well filled with people from many sections of the state for this impressive service.

FMB Holds First Meet In State

20 Missionaries Added; New Unit Is Organized

By The Baptist Press

Members of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, meeting in Jackson, appointed or reappointed 20 persons to overseas service, approved 74 young people for training to be missionary journeymen and voted to create a new department within its Mission Support Division.

Approximately 53 of the board's 67 members attended the meeting, many traveling from distant states to the Mississippi capital. This was the group's first meeting in the Magnolia State.

Mississippi Baptists were hosts to the board members and a group of employees' staff from the Richmond, Va., headquarters of the board.

The members also heard reports from several staff administrators including Executive Secretary Baker J. Cauthen who spoke prior to the appointment of new missionaries in the Jackson Municipal Auditorium.

Cauthen told an audience estimated at 2,600 that the work of Christian missions and the spread of the gospel are becoming more imperative with the rapid growth of world population, which may double within the next two decades.

"We can't change the world with signs," Cauthen said, addressing himself mainly to young people in the audience. "We must get out there with the people in every land; we must walk with them, live with them,

suffer with them and rejoice with them so that through us they can see Jesus Christ walking in their midst.

Calling this an "urgent mandate," Cauthen said that Christians everywhere must show other people that "the Lord I love is the Lord who loves you," and "the Lord Jesus Christ is going to accomplish what He is out to do."

Eight couples were appointed as new missionaries, including one couple from Mississippi.

They are: Rev. and Mrs. Norman L. Coad of Ft. Worth, formerly of Little Rock, Ark., appointed to Nigeria; Rev. and Mrs. Clifford H. Dane of Ft. Worth, formerly of Tyrone, Okla., to Brazil; Rev. and Mrs. R. William Hollaway of Louisville, Ky., formerly of Flagstaff, Ariz., to Japan; Rev. and Mrs. J. Randall Jones of Louisville, to Paraguay; Rev. and Mrs. Michael H. Key of Ft. Worth, to Togo; Rev. and Mrs. Jack W. Kin-

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COOPERATIVE PROGRAM RECEIPTS UP 22.3% FOR FIRST QUARTER OF '72

Mississippi Baptist Cooperative Program receipts for the first quarter of this year, through March, totaled \$1,217,939, according to Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, Jackson, Executive Secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

This is a gain of \$218,382 or 22.3 percent over the \$979,557 given the same period of 1971, Dr. Hudgins added.

Receipts for March totaled \$417,122, a gain of \$126,002 or 43.3 percent over the \$291,120 given in March of last year.

PR Workers Slate Study Of Profession In The SBC

SAN ANTONIO (BP) — Members of the Baptist Public Relations Association meeting here voted to ask a special committee to study the role and status of public relations as a profession in the Southern Baptist Convention.

The 85 conference participants elected as president, Tom Brannon, public relations director of the South Carolina Baptist Convention, Columbia; and as president-elect, Clarence Duncan, administrative assistant of the Southern Baptist Radio - Television Commission, Fort Worth.

Outgoing President Catherine Allen of Birmingham, public relations consultant for the SBC Woman's Missionary Union, made the proposal for a "blue ribbon committee of former presidents" to study the role and status of public relations in the denomination.

"Our major failure in Baptist public relations has been our inability to communicate fully to management and administration what public relations is all about," Mrs. Allen said. "Public relations had always been misunderstood," she said. "The public relations director has often been expected to perform black magic, or has been confined to the narrow limits of press agency."

Mrs. Allen, the first women president of the organization, also advocated

equal pay, status and employment opportunities for women in Baptist public relations.

"Women will work longer and harder for less pay than men, but just because they will, men should not ask them to do so," she said.

Two discussion periods plus a major address by Southern Baptist Seminary Ethics Professor G. Willis

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News Analysis

Nixon Supports Nonpublic Education System

By W. Barry Garrett

WASHINGTON (BP) — When a president of the United States makes a public policy speech, it is subject to careful analysis from every possible viewpoint. President Nixon's speech on non-public education before the National Catholic Educational Association in Philadelphia on April 6 is fertile soil in which the seeds of understanding can grow.

An understanding of such a speech must take into account political realities, personal convictions of the speaker, public policy trends, and the nature of the issues which are addressed. This analysis is a very brief discussion of some of these factors in the President's remarks to the Catholic educators.

For whatever it is worth, this is the second time Mr. Nixon has made major statements before Catholic audiences within a period of eight and one-half months. The first was on Aug. 17, 1971, before the international

meeting of the Knights of Columbus in New York City.

The speech also occurred following a White House announcement that the President's schedule does not permit him to address the Southern Baptist Convention in Philadelphia in June.

Furthermore, the speech was made a month following the report of the President's Commission on School Finance. It was made about two weeks prior to the expected public release of the report of his Special Panel on

Charlotte Meet Marks 25 Years

CHARLOTTE, N. C. (April 9, 1972) — Adding splashes of contemporary color but preaching the same old-fashioned Gospel, Evangelist Billy Graham this week brought a five-day mini-Crusade to his hometown where he held his first Crusade 25 years ago.

He warned that while God would judge the people of India and China "according to the light given them," Americans and others who heard and then rejected the Gospel would be "held even more responsible." "Because we have heard so much, so often, our judgment will be the greater," he said. The Charlotteans responded in greater numbers per capita of attendance than Graham had ever seen in the United States.

It was his briefest Crusade, but thousands were able to watch it by live television in North and South Carolina over ten different stations. The Charlotte Coliseum and the adjoining auditorium were overflowing each night, with hundreds turned away at most services.

Graham came home at a seasoned 53 years, an author, preacher, world traveler and friend of the famous in many walks of life. With his greying sideburns, he is no longer the lanky youth who promised Charlotte in 1947 the "greatest revival in our history," one that would "spark the nation." The Crusades will be seen on television at prime time next month from coast to coast in the United States and Canada and later across Australia, Africa and Latin America.

Graham and his Team were invited to Charlotte by over four hundred churches of Mecklenburg County.

The Executive Committee was headed by Dr. Dean W. Colvard, Chancellor of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. According to Crusade Director Harry B. Williams, student interest in the Crusade was unusually high, and nearly 800 persons, mostly students, responded to the invitation each night. Bishop Earl G. Hunt of the Methodist Church believes that the heavy youth participation in Charlotte "reflects a deepening interest everywhere." Many of the Charlotte clergy were enthusiastic in their evaluation of the Crusade. They were especially pleased at the participation of the black community. A distinctly "home folks" atmosphere pervaded the Crusade. The evangelist's mother, his wife and three of his children, his brother,

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Conference For Blind Conducted

The first statewide conference for the blind was held at the Hotel Heidelberg in Jackson April 14-16 under sponsorship of the Cooperative Missions Department, Dr. Foy Rogers, director.

This was believed to be the first statewide conference for the blind held in the nation under sponsorship of a State Baptist Convention or department.

The principal visiting program personality and conference director was Edwin Wilson, who is blind himself and is the founder and executive director of Christian Education for the Blind, Fort Worth, Texas.

Mr. Wilson has given 25 years of dedicated service as publisher of church-related literature and recordings, Dr. Rogers said.

Mr. Wilson has four academic degrees and is a graduate of Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

Dr. David Grant, pastor of Broadmoor Church, Jackson, was the Bible teacher.

Dr. Charles Melton, director of religious education at Clarke College, was moderator of the meeting.

The theme outline of the conference was "to keep our faith in repair through Bible study, Christian fellowship, personal witness and regular prayer."

Dr. Rogers said that the prime objective of the conference "is to communicate our Christian faith to the blind of our state."

Assisting with the conference was

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Series Area Survey Clinics Ready May 1-18

A series of five Baptist Area Survey - Census Training Clinics will be held in the state May 1-18, according to Bryant M. Cummings, Jackson, director of the Sunday School Department and chairman of the state committee for the current state wide Sunday School Enlargement Campaign.

The purpose of these clinics is to train the local church committees to conduct a survey in preparation for the Enlargement Campaign which will be climaxed with the surveys in August and actual Enlargement Campaigns in September.

The surveys in August will be a "people search," seeking prospects for enlistment, according to Rev. Leon Emery, associate in Cooperative Missions Department, who will direct the meetings.

Mr. Emery said that the following persons from each church are especially urged to attend one of the clinics:

Church survey chairman (pastor), map and zone representative, personal representative, processing representative.

He further said that in each clinic there would be an overview of Church Community survey and a processing center set up so each one present will receive some actual experience.

The schedule of meetings, along with personnel who will assist on program follows:

May 1 — First Baptist Church, Hazlehurst; Rev. Glen Williams, superintendent of missions, Covington-Jeff Davis Associations; Rev. Maurice Flowers, superintendent of missions,

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Hymn Sing To Open WMUSBC

PHILADELPHIA (BP) — The Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, will open a week-long series of nationwide Baptist conventions in June with a Sunday night hymn sing and keynote service.

The first event of the Southern Baptist Convention week, June 4-9, will be staged Sunday, June 4, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Philadelphia Civic Center, Convention Hall.

Though sponsored by the Woman's Missionary Union, the opening session will seek to involve all Southern Baptists planning to attend the nationwide Baptist meetings slated here that week, said Mrs. R. L. Mathis of Waco, Tex., president of Women's Missionary Union.

Leaders of the Baptist groups holding national meetings during the week have pledged their support to the opening session, and will be special platform guests for the meeting, said Mrs. Mathis, director of the Student Union for Baylor University in Waco, Tex.

Keynote speaker for the opening session will be W. A. Criswell, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Dallas and immediate past president of the Southern Baptist Convention. Criswell will speak on the WMU Convention theme, "Freedom's Holy Light."

First half of the Sunday evening meeting will be a hymn sing and a focus on the Philadelphia missions story, said Mrs. Mathis in releasing the proposed agenda for the WMU convention.

Music will be directed by Claude H. Rhea, dean of the School of Music for Samford University, Birmingham; Gene Bartlett, church music secretary for the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma in Oklahoma City, and C. V. Ford, pastor of First Baptist Church of Pine Grove, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., (affiliated with National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., and American Baptist Convention).

Soloist will be Irene Jordan, inter-

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THE CHURCH A Place for Ministry



April Is Life Commitment Month

Southern Baptist churches will be observing Life Commitment and Church Vocations Sunday on April 23. The emphasis will be on the church as a place for Christian ministry with the theme "Entrusted with God's Shalom."

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nison Jr. of Ft. Worth, to Laos; Rev. and Mrs. Charles P. Long of New Orleans, formerly of Picayune, Miss., to Belgium; and Rev. and Mrs. John V. Norwood of Lewistown, Mont., to Indonesia.

In addition, the board reappointed four former missionaries for work in Nigeria.

Dr. and Mrs. William C. Gaventa of Louisville, Ky., who served in Nigeria from 1949 to 1965, were reappointed under the board's Special Project program for physicians and dentists. They will serve for one year at the Baptist Medical Center in Ogbomoso, effective Aug. 1.

Miss Betty Larimer of Muncie, Ind., a Special Project nurse in Nigeria from 1969 to 1971, was reemployed as a missionary associate assigned to the Baptist nursing school in Eku, effective June 1.

Miss Macine Lockhart of San Antonio, Tex., was reappointed for educational work in Nigeria, effective July 1. She taught in Baptist schools in that country from 1955 to 1963.

Journeymen Commissioned

Seventy-four young Baptist college graduates were approved for a seven-week training program this summer prior to being commissioned as missionary journeymen. Those commissioned will fill two-year terms of service assisting regular missionaries in special jobs overseas.

A department of promotion and furlough ministries (Note name change—same words, different order) will become functional in June within the board's Mission Support Division, as a result of the members' action here.

The new department will take over the promotional functions of the present department of missionary education and promotion. The latter will become the department of missionary education.

Three employees are being transferred from the department of missionary personnel into the new promotion unit. They are Miss Edna Frances Dawkins, Roger G. Duck and Ralph L. West, who will be associate secretaries in the new promotion department, with Samuel A. DeBord as secretary.

In other actions, the board adopted a resolution of appreciation to Miss Genevieve Greer, who is retiring from the staff after 27 years of service. Since 1950 she has been the board's book editor.

Miss Greer was the guest at a luncheon following the closing session of the board meeting. The Oklahoma native said she planned to take a year to decide where she will live in retirement.

The department will promote foreign missions with new and innovative ministries, according to DeBord.

This will be done through World Missions Conferences, camps, weekend mission emphases in churches, rallies, foreign mission fellowships, state convention offices, SBC offices,

denominational assembly programs, "Missionaries in residence," and stewardship and prayer, said DeBord. Furloughing missionaries as well as staff members will perform the work of the department.

Their major "recruiting target groups" will be church staffs and denominational workers; young adults, especially former short-term missionaries and other overseas workers; and laymen, including medical personnel, social workers, educators, agriculturalists and other professionals.

DeBord said the department will be responsible for furlough missionary housing, "orientation patterns for ministries of furloughing missionaries," and briefings for Baptists going overseas as tourists.

Huey Reports

The board's secretary for Europe and the Middle East, John D. Huey, reported on developments in certain parts of his area.

He noted particularly the number of persons who have been baptized as a result of Southern Baptist work in Austria and Jordan.

In Austria, where Baptists number only 750, about 36 young people have been converted and baptized through the influence of a Baptist youth center in Salzburg over the past two or three years.

Four missionary couples and one journeyman are assigned to Austria.

"Jordan is also experiencing revival," said Huey. Statistics show 44 baptisms last year, compared to 13 in 1970. Total Baptist membership in Jordan is 200.

Belote Speaks on China

The secretary for East Asia, James D. Belote, told board members the opening of communication between our nation and China "may be the first step down a long road toward resumption of missionary work in China."

Although regular Christian worship services are unknown in China today, there is an "underground Christian witness there," Belote said, "and it results in people coming to know Jesus as Savior."

Belote predicted that when and if China is again open to the Gospel, methods of evangelism and church work will be different from those of the past, "though the message will be the same."

Chinese Christians now living outside mainland China will be the vanguard of those returning to begin the new work, he continued.

Christians on Taiwan "have recovered from the initial shock" of President Nixon's overtures to Red China, and they are watching for opportunities to strengthen the Christian witness on the mainland, said Belote.

Two board members, Eldred M. Taylor of Somerset, Ky., and Robert L. Deneen of Columbia, S. C., related some impressions of the people and Baptist work in countries they visited during a 27-day tour in East and Southeast Asia.

"We were amazed at the wall -

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Denominational leaders enjoy fellowship prior to the Monday evening session of the Foreign Mission Board meeting in Jackson: left to right: Dr. John L. Taylor, pastor, First, McComb, member of the Foreign Mission Board; Dr. Jesse Fletcher, staff member, FMB; Dr. Drew J. Gunnells, pastor in Montgomery, Alabama, and president of the Foreign Mission Board; Dr. Carl Bates, Charlotte, N. C., president of the Southern Baptist Convention; and Dr. Baker J. Cautchen, executive secretary, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.

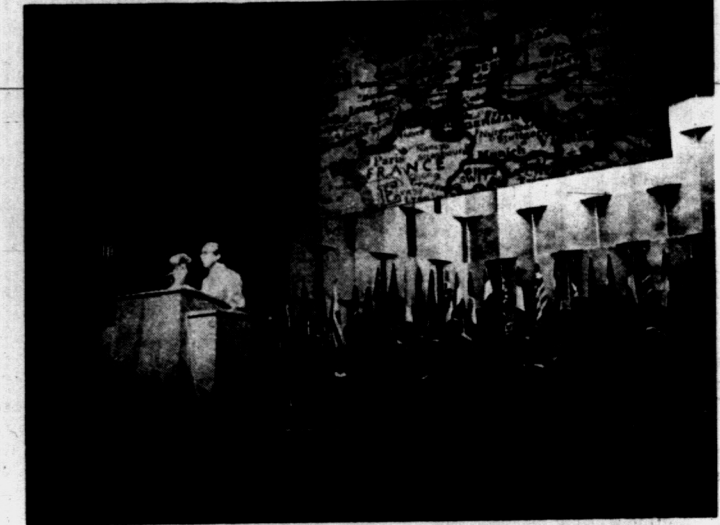


Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, welcomes visitors who are in Mississippi for the meeting of the Foreign Mission Board. Left to right: Dr. Hudgins, Dr. Drew Gunnells, president of the Board; Mrs. Carl Bates, member of the Foreign Mission Board; Dr. Carl Bates, president of the SBC; and Dr. G. Norman Price, former Mississippian, who is on the staff of the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.

Scenes From Foreign Board Sessions



The City Auditorium in Jackson was almost completely filled for the Foreign Mission Board's commissioning service held there Tuesday evening, April 11.



Rev. and Mrs. Charles P. Long give their testimony at the FMB commissioning service. From Mississippi City, they were appointed missionaries to Belgium (map in photo).

Luncheon Held At Garaywa For Ladies Attending FMB Meeting

Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union entertained wives of Foreign Mission Board members and Foreign Mission Board staff members with a "country dinner" at Camp Garaywa as a part of the activities related to the meeting of the Foreign Mission Board in Jackson.

Members of the WMU Staff and State WMU Executive Board greeted their guests in old-fashioned dresses and ushered them through a room which was gaily decorated with old churns, crockery pitchers, bread boards, an antique coffee mill and other objects from days gone by.

Once inside the dining room, the honored guests were seated at tables covered with red and white tablecloths and laden with "country" food—fried chicken, country ham, black-eyed peas, squash, cornbread, spring onions, etc.



Marjean Patterson, executive secretary, Mississippi WMU, left, and Mrs. Vernon May, state WMU president, admire antique coffee mill loaned by Dr. Douglas Hudgins for the occasion.

Bobby Fancher, student at Mississippi College, serenaded the group as they ate. Following the meal, Dr. Charles Martin, Vice President of Mississippi College, entertained

with the telling of Uncle Remus stories.

Following the meal and entertainment, the ladies were shown through Mynelle's Gardens before they were returned to their motels.



Mrs. Barbara Taylor of the state WMU staff shows how the churning was done!

State Couple Among FMB Appointees

Rev. and Mrs. Charles P. Long of New Orleans, formerly of Picayune, were appointed missionaries on April 11 during a meeting of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in Jackson. They expect to be assigned to an English-language pastorate in Belgium.

Long has been pastor of First Baptist Church, Mississippi City, since December 1971. He expects to receive the specialist in education degree in July from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. It will be his third degree from the seminary; he already holds the bachelor of divinity and master of religious education degrees.

Earlier he attended Clarke Memorial College, Newton, and was graduated from Mississippi College, Clinton.

The Longs came home in 1968 from a three-year pastorate in Mannheim, Germany. He became pastor of Roseland Park Baptist Church in Picayune.

They have wanted to return to Europe for several years, Long told the Foreign Mission Board. But they wanted to be sure this was God's call and not just their own desire.

In 1970, convinced that missionary appointment was God's will, he entered New Orleans Seminary again because he was "not satisfied" with his education.

Long was 17 when he took his first pastorate—Providence Baptist Church in his hometown of Ethel. He was later pastor of churches in Kosciusko and Hazlehurst, and Chatham, Ala.

He taught elementary grades in Chatham for two years and in Osyka, for a year, and he was music director in a church in Magnolia one year.

Mrs. Long, the former Sandra Young of Parkin, Ark., is a registered nurse. She has worked since early 1970 as a service representative in New Orleans for the Social Security Administration.

She attended Ouachita Baptist College (now University), Arkadelphia, Ark., and was graduated from the

University of Arkansas at Little Rock with the bachelor of science degree in nursing.

Mrs. Long has done general duty nursing at the Magnolia Hospital and at the Veteran's Administration Hospital in New Orleans, and she taught nursing in a junior college in Poplarville, for several months.

The Longs' two children are Lisa, 3, and Chuck, nearly 2.

Foreign Mission Board Approves 74 Journeyman Trainees

JACKSON, Miss. — Seventy-four young Baptists have been approved by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board for training to be missionary journeymen. Approval came during a business session of the board here April 12.

The five new journeymen from Mississippi are:

Miss Betty Bozeman, Box 5088, Clinton 39058. Parents: Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bozeman Jr., 205 W. China St., Rolling Fork 39159. Church: Alta Woods, Jackson. College: Mississippi College, Clinton, B. S. Ed. expected 5-72. Assignment: elementary teacher, missionary children and high school teacher, Nyeri, Kenya.

Miss Marsha Metts, 1301 E. Fillmore Ave., Oxford 38655. Parents: Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Metts, same. Church: First, Oxford. College: University of Mississippi, Oxford, B. A., '72. Assignment: commercial artist, Baptist Spanish Publishing House, El Paso, Texas.

Jimmy Stephenson, Box 2842, State College 37962. Parents: Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Stephenson, 5125 Kaywood Dr., Jackson 39211. Church: First, Starkville. College: Mississippi State University, State College, B. S. expected



Bozeman
Kenya



Metts
Texas



Stephenson
Kenya



Kellam
Vietnam



Lockhart
Rhodesia

5-72. Assignment: assistant treasurer, Brackenhurst Baptist Assembly, Limuru, Kenya.

Doug Kellam, Box 178, SBTS, 2825 Lexington Rd., Louisville 40206. Parents: Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kellum, Box 297, Tutwiler, Miss. 38963. Church: First, Tutwiler, Miss. College: Mississippi College, Clinton, B. A., '68; Southern Seminary, Louisville, studying religious education and social work. Assignment: youth evangelism, Da-nang, Vietnam.

Miss Guy Lockhart, Box 98, 790 Madison, Memphis 38103. Mother: Mrs. J. B. Lockhart, 1602 Myrtle St., Jackson, Miss. 39202. Church: First Baptist, Memphis. College: University of Tennessee, Medical Units, Memphis, B. S., '70. Assignment: nurse, Sanyati, Rhodesia.

Following completion of a seven-week training course this summer at Meredith College, Raleigh, N. C., the young people will be commissioned for journeyman service July 30 in Richmond, Va.

They will serve two-year terms as teachers, librarians, literacy workers, recreation directors, student workers, nurses, pharmacists, secretaries, assistant pastors, agriculturalists, artists, publication workers, musicians and other kinds of workers.

As journeymen, they will join Southern Baptist missionary staffs in 34 countries, not counting one person assigned to the Baptist Spanish Publishing House in El Paso, Texas.

Barring changes in assignments, the largest number of journeymen,

seven, will go to Kenya. Six are assigned to Brazil.

Other countries are: Ghana, Hong Kong, Korea, Tanzania and Vietnam, four each; Indonesia, Peru and the Philippines, three each; Botswana, India, Liberia, Malawi, Mexico, Rhodesia and Thailand, two each.

One journeyman is assigned to each of the following: Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Colombia, Ecuador, Guadeloupe, Guatemala, Honduras, Israel, Italy, Japan, Macao, Nigeria, Okinawa, Taiwan, Togo and Zambia.

There are 44 single women, 22 single men and four married couples. Most will be graduated from a college or university this spring, through some already have their basic degrees and are attending graduate institutions or working full time.



Rev. and Mrs. Charles P. Long of Mississippi City, who were appointed as Southern Baptist missionaries to Belgium in a service last week in Jackson held by the Foreign Mission Board are seen being given congratulations and best wishes by Dr. Joe Odle, (at left), editor of the Baptist Record.

Nixon Supports Nonpublic Ed

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tive by saying, "What we really seek in America is an educational free market." He explained this by saying that "nonpublic schools give parents the opportunity to send their children to institutions that they chose."

In other words, President Nixon is seeking a major change in the nation's educational system.

To support his objective, the President claims that the present educational system denies to many parents "freedom of choice" of the schools which they want their children to attend. This is the standard line that proponents of public aid to parochial schools have taken for many years.

The President charges the public education system with failure to provide quality education for the poor and for minority groups. He appears to think that public support for nonpublic schools would close this gap.

Mr. Nixon adds the charge that a public schools have failed to provide the values of honor, of morality, of love, of country and of religious faith. Nonpublic schools would fill this need, he seems to think.

Referring to nonpublic schools, the President said: "Children who attend these schools are offered a moral code by which to live. At a time when the trend in education is too often toward impersonal materialism, I believe America needs more, rather than less, emphasis on education which emphasizes moral, religious and spiritual values."

These are points that make it difficult to challenge Mr. Nixon's view on education. Too many people agree with him without getting at the root of the problems of the nation. He knows the mood of the nation and is responding to that mood.

It has become popular in recent years to blame the public schools for many of the ills of the country. This has been accelerated by a revolt against rising taxes, by misrepresentation of Supreme Court decisions, by highly emotional race issues, and by the social upheavals that have beset the nation during the past decade.

We need to ask, however, whether or not major responsibility for causing and curing these ills rests elsewhere than on the public schools, as for instance the homes, the churches, the governments of the nation.

It needs to be pointed out that the President's Philadelphia speech to the Catholic educators was restrained in specific promises. While he was most emphatic in his pledge to design measures "to preserve the nonpublic school system in the United States," he was extremely cautious in specifics.

He warned the Catholics that his plans would require time, that quick solutions are not available. He said that his final recommendations must be equitable, workable and constitutional. All of these are high hurdles for him to overcome before he achieves his goals.

A major section of the President's speech dealt with the financial plight of nonpublic schools and with the effect on the nation if such schools were forced to close. Did he really intend to imply that without the nonpublic schools the nation cannot provide a public school education for all children? Does he mean to say that it would cost less to support two separate school systems than one good one?

Some contradictory elements in the President's speech are plain. He pointed out that non-public school enrollment has crested and is on the decline. Yet he proposes massive efforts to help such schools.

Mr. Nixon warns of impossible costs to provide public education for all if the nonpublic schools close. At the same time he said that "it would be misleading to suggest that Catholic education and nonpublic schools in general are about to disappear altogether."

Politically speaking, the President's drive for help for nonpublic schools looks like this. He pointed out that 70 per cent of the financial burden (in the event of the closing of the Catholic schools) would fall on seven states: California, New York, Illinois, Ohio, New Jersey, Michigan and Pennsylvania.

These states, it should be noted, provide a total of 202 votes in the Electoral College for the election of a president. Only 268 electoral votes are required to win the presidency.

If Mr. Nixon can win the electoral votes in these seven states, he will need to pick up only 66 more votes in the remaining 43 states to be re-elected.

Correction

In an article on page 8 in last week's issue of the Baptist Record headed "Nanny Jacob Stevens Educational Trust Is Established With Baptist Foundation" it was erroneously stated that John C. Stevens was a member of Oakhurst Baptist Church in Clarksdale, Dr. F. K. Horton, pastor.

Mr. Stevens is instead a member of Clarksdale Baptist Church, Rev. Lucius Marion, pastor.

The error is regretted and correction is gladly made.



Conference For Blind -

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Rev. Jerry St. John, associate in the department and director of work with the deaf.

There were blind persons from several states in attendance, including Texas, Alabama and Louisiana.

HIROSHIMA — Southern Baptist missionary Melvin J. Bradshaw writes: "This is a city of 500,000 people. It was destroyed in 1945 by an American bomb. Yet, I can walk down the streets of Hiroshima at night — even the dark alleys — without fear. The fact that I cannot do this in America is just another evidence that missionaries are not sent from America to preach 'the American way of life' abroad. Our message is that 'more excellent way' which all men everywhere need to hear about and to heed."

PR Workers Slate Study

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Bennett dealt with professional ethics of public relations.

Much of the discussion centered around what the public relations worker should do when his loyalties to truth and honesty come into conflict with his loyalties to "the boss who might want him to manage the news."

Bennett told the group there are no easy answers to such questions, and each individual must decide under God what he must do in each situation. "I feel for you," Bennett said. "You try to balance on a tightrope."

Another major speaker, Lester Kin-

1st Greenville Has New Pastor

Rev. G. Barry Landrum, the new pastor for First Church, Greenville, has moved on the field and preached the first sermon to his congregation on April 9 to a near capacity crowd.



Mr. Landrum, a native Mississippian, was born and grew up in Laurel.

During junior high and high school he played football, basketball, baseball and track. He also played trumpet in the band, violin, and participated in the church choir program.

He went to Mississippi College and received a B. A. degree in speech. There he lettered three years in football and served as president of the "M" club his senior year. He was vice-president of the B. S. U. For two college years he was youth and music director at the Paul Truitt Memorial Church in Jackson. For two summers he preached youth-led revivals over the state, and another summer he was head of recreation at Ridgecrest Assembly.

He finished his seminary training at Southern Seminary receiving the B. D. degree in 1965. During the seminary years he was pastor of the Buffalo Lick Church outside Shelbyville, Kentucky.

In 1965 he began work as associate pastor at the West Asheville Church, Asheville, North Carolina.

In 1967 he accepted a call to the Lillington Church, Lillington, North Carolina and served there until April, 1970 when he moved to Beaufort, South Carolina, to serve as pastor of the Baptist Church of Beaufort.

He married the former Charlotte Reeves of Jackson. They have three children, Laura Kay, Gina Beth, and Bud.

In top photo several of those attending the conference for the blind were, from left: Walter Cooper, Jackson; Edwin Wilson, Fort Worth, Texas; Wesley Branstetter, McAllen, Texas; Dr. Foy Rogers, Jackson; Miss Bertha Merrell, of Talladega, Ala.; Rev. Jerry St. John, Jackson; Miss Jean Elzey, Shreveport, La., and George Tucker, Jackson. In photo at left Rev. Jerry St. John is seen interpreting the message of a speaker for Mrs. W. C. Wilkinson, of Meridian, who is both blind and deaf.

Bulletin

Two pastors who serve churches outside the state, but who are widely known in Mississippi, have announced their plans for retirement.

They are Dr. Ramsey Pollard, pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church in Memphis for the past twelve years who has announced his retirement, effective June 1. The announcement was made to the church on Sunday, April 16.

Dr. J. D. Grey, pastor of First Baptist Church, New Orleans since 1937, has announced his desire to retire, not later than the end of this year, and sooner if the church secures a new pastor before that time.

Both of these men are widely known in Mississippi, have spoken often at state convention and at other state and associational meetings, and in large numbers of the churches. Moreover, since Memphis and New Orleans often are spoken of as the "two largest cities in Mississippi," and many Mississippians migrate to them, large numbers of Mississippians have been pastored by these two men. It is because of this that there will be widespread interest in their decisions to retire.

Full stories concerning these announcements will appear later.

solving, who writes a syndicated religious news column that frequently exposes sham and hypocrisy in religious organizations, praised Southern Baptist public relations workers for refusing to manage the news and report only favorable developments. But he also urged them to be more courageous.

In another major address, a former Southern Baptist minister who is now a special assistant to President Richard M. Nixon told the conference that a deep cynicism has plagued the nation, largely because of a myth that government would provide a panacea to all our ills.

"The tragedy of the late '60's when our cities and campuses burned, and the sense of meaninglessness that possesses so many of our young men are partially results of our having high hopes met with revelations of failure," said Wallace B. Henley of the White House staff.

"On that awful morning when we awoke and found that our savior, big government, had failed to bring Camelot, had failed to bring us the Great Society, our frustration turned to rage and disillusionment," he said.

Henley, a Baptist minister on the White House staff, called for Baptists to reject the myth that government is either bad, or the savior of society, and "to be salt inside government as well as outside."

He rejected the view that federal aid to religious institutions is "an awesome monster, feeding them with one claw while ravaging them with the other." Noting there are many types of federal aid that do not violate the principle of separation of church and state, Henley said that to lump them all into one wicked category is a disservice to Baptist people.

The three-day conference ended with presentation of awards to Baptist public relations workers for creative and effective approaches to communications.

New officers elected, in addition to the president and president-elect, include: John Ivins of the Virginia Baptist State Association, program vice president; Isaac Terrell of the North Carolina Baptist Children's Homes, membership vice president; Bill Nunneley of Samford University, newsletter editor; Marjorie Rowden of William Carey College, recording secretary; and Agnes Ford of Nashville, treasurer.

The Home Mission Board and three other Baptist agencies dominated the total number of awards presented at the Association's meeting here.

The Atlanta-based SBC agency received 10 awards, while the Baptist General Convention of Texas, the Foreign Mission Board, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary tied for second with seven awards each.

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Foreign Mission Board Expresses Thanks For Hospitality Shown Them In Mississippi

The Resolutions Committee of the Foreign Mission Board, SBC, has written the following letter of thanks:

"The members and staff of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention are deeply grateful to Mississippi Baptists for the gracious invitation extended to us to hold our April meeting in Jackson and for the generous hospitality showered upon us during these delightful days spent in your midst. The warmth of our welcome and the sincerity of our expression of Christian fellowship has been felt by each one of us during our stay.

"We would express our deepest gratitude to Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins and Dr. John Lee Taylor, our two Mississippi members, who have made such careful preparation for our visit and who have overwhelmed us with every provision for our physical comfort during our meeting. Their gracious manner and thoughtful consideration for our every need is genuinely appreciated by every member of the board and staff.

"We would likewise express our grateful thanks to the members of the Executive Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board for the generous way in which they have given their support to the invitation to meet in this great Baptist state. In every hand we have been the recipients of your thoughtful and generous hospitality.

"We would voice our special thanks to the following organizations, individuals, and agencies who have also added their unique contribution to the measure and success of our meeting: To the pastor, Dr. Larry Rohman, and the congregation of First Baptist Church for the generous use of their excellent facilities during our stay.

"To Miss Marjean Patterson, Executive Secretary of the W.M.U. of Mississippi, and her organization for the delightful luncheon given to our wives and others on Tuesday noon and for the lovely reception for the Missionary Appointees given on Tuesday evening.

"To Dr. Joe T. Odle, Editor of the Baptist Record, for the special issue which so effectively and attractively heralded the work of our board and publicized our meeting in Jackson. A further word of thanks is also due to the daily newspapers for their excellent coverage of the sessions and to the radio and TV media for their reports of our activities.

Ms. Mrs. Dawn Gandy, Mrs. Josephine Bryan, Dr. Jack Lyall, the Mississippi College Concert Choir,

and Mr. Larry Black for the outstanding music that highlighted our special events.

"To the staff of the Baptist Building and particularly to Mrs. Clayburn, Mrs. Quinn, and Mr. Williams for their many favors and courtesies extended to us.

"Our visit to Mississippi will always linger in our memories as one of the most pleasant and significant events

in our Christian pilgrimage. May God bless and reward Mississippi Baptists for your gracious and exceeding hospitality rendered in Christ's name during our delightful stay in your midst."

Mrs. R. B. Carter, Sr.
Eldred M. Taylor
E. H. Westmoreland, Chairman
RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Hymn Sing To Open WMU, SBC

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nationally-known concert artist and soloist with the Metropolitan Opera Association.

A 40-piece symphony orchestra of New York musicians will also be featured. Conductor will be Beryl Red, composer, arranger and producer who head BR Productions in New York City.

In addition, the Singing Churchmen of Oklahoma, directed by James D. Woodward of Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee, will perform "The Testament of Freedom."

A salute to Baptist beginnings in Philadelphia and an analysis of current Southern Baptist expansion in the area will be presented by Kenneth L. Chaffin, director of the Evangelism Division for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta.

Following the opening Sunday night session, the Woman's Missionary Union will move its annual convention to the Academy of Music auditorium in downtown Philadelphia for all-day Monday sessions, June 5. Simultaneously, two other conventions will be in progress — the Southern Baptist Pastor's Conference and the SBC Religious Education Association.

Astronaut James Irwin, a Southern Baptist who piloted the Apollo 15 lunar module, will address the women on the subject, "I Felt God's Presence on the Moon," during the Monday night session.

Elton Trueblood, author of many books on the laity, will close the Monday afternoon session with an address, "Liberating the American Christian."

Two Southern Baptist foreign missionaries serving in world trouble spots will speak to the women. Dr. Roy McGlamery, staff physician at the Baptist hospital in Gaza, will address the Monday afternoon session;

and James McKinley, missionary to Bangladesh, will speak Monday night.

Closing speaker for the Monday morning session will be Baker J. Cauten, executive secretary of the SBC Foreign Mission Board, Richmond.

The SBC Home Mission Board will field a panel of home missionaries and national mission leaders during each Monday session. The panels will discuss consecutively the roles of youth, ethnics, and churches in the northeast.

Panel leaders for the three topics will be M. Thomas Starkes, secretary of the board's department of interfaith witness; Oscar I. Romo, head of the board's language missions department; and F. J. Redford, secretary of the church extension department for the board. Nine SBC home missionaries serving in the northeast will participate on the panels.

Two other Home Mission Board officials will deliver major addresses. Warren Rawles will speak on the topic, "Drugs — Which Way America?"; and Miss Beverly Hammack, will speak on the topic, "Poverty — Which Way America?" Both Rawles and Miss Hammack serve as assistant secretaries of the department of Christian social ministries.

A recently-published cantata, "The Freedom Song," will be presented Monday afternoon by the Children's Choir of First Baptist Church, Alexandria, Va.; and an oratorio "Candles of the Lord," will be performed Monday night by an interracial, intercultural choir organized by the Maryland Baptist Woman's Missionary Union. The oratorio was commissioned for the 1972 centennial of the Maryland WMU organization.

Music for the Monday sessions will be directed by William R. O'Brien, Southern Baptist music missionary to Indonesia. Soloists will be Mrs. O'Brien, and Irene Jordan.

CHRISTIAN HOME WEEK

May 7 - May 14, 1972



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EDITORIAL

The Calling Of God

There were many high hours during the sessions of the semi-annual meeting of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in Jackson last week, and we are sure that all Mississippi Baptists who got to attend, will not soon forget them.

One of the highest moments, however, surely was that time on Tuesday evening when the young couples who were about to be appointed as missionaries came to the microphone to tell why they were going to the foreign fields. Each couple told of the experiences through which they passed in coming to know that the mission field was God's will for their lives. The testimonies all were different, yet each expressed the deep conviction of the call of God.

To most of us as Baptists this is the

only reason that any young couple, or any single person, should be going to a foreign field as a missionary. It should be because of the call of God. It is not enough to have a desire to serve people to wish to participate in a great world program, or to be determined to dedicate life to a great humanitarian purpose. There must be a definite call of God, or the person should not be looking toward missionary service.

This is true, of course, not only of the mission field, but also of the pastorate, and in other places of specific Christian vocation. Certainly, no man should be ordained to the ministry, who has not felt the call of God within his soul, a call so definite, that he cannot but answer, "Here am I, Lord; send me." We have known some men who somehow got into the ministry without

a definite call from God, and they were misfits from the beginning. Moreover, they failed to find the blessing and joy which can come from a ministry which is completely in the center of God's will. We are sure that the same would be true of missionaries, and in other Christian vocations. If one does not hear the voice of God calling to the task, he best has turn to something else.

Our God who made the universe, who provided redemption for man, and who established his church and his kingdom, most certainly is able to call men and women for the leadership of his work. What we must do is provide such an atmosphere in our churches, that our young people can hear those calls of God when he speaks, and be willing to yield their lives to him, no matter what the cost. Jesus said, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he may send forth laborers into his harvest." (Luke 10:2)

Rye In The Sky

The "Bulletin" of the Alabama Council on Alcohol Problems, in a recent issue carried an article entitled, "Used to be Pie. Now It's 'Rye in the Sky'!"

We hear much concerning "Hijackers" taking over some planes. However, there is one "Hijacker" which has taken over many flights. His name is "Rye", or just "Booze."

Any person who does very much air travel today knows how true are the above words. On many flights the first thing that is offered passengers after the plane is airborne, is liquor.

We understand that in the First Class section it often is free. In the tourist section where we ride, it is sold.

On one leg of our recent flight to the Northwest, the airline advertises that its flight is a "Club" in the sky, and stewardesses roll drink-preparing equipment down the aisle, preparing mixed drinks for the customers who want them. The serving of meals has to wait until the liquor has been served.

On another recent flight, we discovered that when our lunch was served it included a bottle of wine. This item was on every tray. After I had finished my lunch, leaving the wine bottle unopened, the stewardess seemed surprised as she took the tray, saying, "You don't want this?"

Some of the jumbo jets now are reported to have actual "bar rooms" for the convenience of the drinking clientele. Furthermore, where there has been in the past, a "two drink limit," this rule, we understand, now has been lifted.

Of course, about all that the non-drinker can do is refuse the drinks, for there is no way, in the close quarters of an airliner cabin, by which he can separate himself from the drinkers. The smell of alcohol always is obnoxious to me, but there is little way to

escape it in modern flying. On one recent flight, I sat by a man who was getting drunk by the minute, and on another in a three seat section I was between a man and a woman, both of whom were drinking. One may seek a means of Christian witness in such a situation, but not often are drinking people very receptive to the gospel.

We do seriously object to this infringement upon the rights of those who do not want to drink, but have not found a solution to it. Letters to airline officials bring little more than a courteous response. Perhaps, if enough of us were to protest, some way could be found for segregating those who desire to drink, so that the non-drinkers would not have to be present for the drinking "parties." We do not know the answer, but we do know that the Alabama "bulletin" is right: It is now "Rye in the SKY."



THE RYE-JACKER

Guest Editorial Danger Ahead

John J. Hurt

In Baptist Standard, Texas

There is a danger sign on the Southern Baptist horizon which is largely ignored by the rank and file of our people. It is quite visible to those in places of responsibility.

Reference is to the continuing decline in Sunday school and church training enrollment despite gains in church membership. Martin B. Bradley of the Sunday School Board's research department describes the contrast as "most disappointing."

Admittedly, we would have trouble producing faces to go with names for the 11.8 million we claim as Southern Baptists. But the percentage toward the actual probably is as good as in 1964 when we claimed 10.6 million members.

The downward trend in Sunday school and training union now is in its eighth year. Sunday school enrollment dropped 129,370 last year. It is a half million less than in 1964 and now we have 1.2 million more church members.

More people are escaping to the lakes and other recreational areas on weekends. That is part of our problem but where is the solution. Should there be more Bible study in the mid-week service? What about a Bible class on another night in the week? Should we be looking toward a worship service on a week night for those who will be gone on Sunday?

The questions come easily. Finding the answers is the problem. We will find them or compound the Bible ignorance for future years.

(Mississippi Baptists are endeavoring to change the above mentioned trend by their emphasis on Sunday School Enlargement in 1972.—Ed.)



Constant Vigil

On The MORAL SCENE...

The Friends Committee on National Legislation discloses that nearly 60% of Congressional appropriations in calendar 1971 went for military and defense-related activities. . . . In a unique document categorizing federal appropriations by function rather than by department, the Quaker lobby organization found that 41.1% of the \$190.5 billion voted by Congress last year was for non-military purposes. Included in that percentage was 21.4% for health, education, housing and welfare. The FCNL compilation, published in the Committee's March Newsletter, shows that total military and war-related spending in 1971 amounted to \$112.2 billion, up \$5.8 billion from the year before. India's war spending for Fiscal 1972, not found in government appropriation tables, is estimated to be \$11 billion. Of this, \$3 billion went for military and related aid to South Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, and Thailand. . . . Other figures disclosed by the FCNL after studying Congressional appropriations bills show that nearly \$41 billion was allocated for welfare, housing, education, and health; about \$2.3 billion for administration of justice; \$5.5 billion for general government expenses; \$3.8 billion for economic aid to the developing world and \$5.5 billion for agricultural resources. The U. S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency received \$9.4 million, the Federal Bureau of Investigation \$354.7 million, and the space program \$3.3 billion. (Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL), 245 Second Street, N. E., Washington, D. C. 20002. From news release of March 17, 1972.)

EDUCATION...what's happening

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"Thus history comes right down to you. Unless it does so, there is no point in it. You have a long lineage, just as have geese and donkeys. Geese have cackled and donkeys have brayed since long before the days of the pyramids; so have men. But men have been able to do something that geese and donkeys could never do: they have been able to carry along the memory of their past and to draw from it meanings which give direction to their lives; in other words, men have a history.

"Of course, you can shut your eyes to history and still be different from geese and donkeys—but not much different."

—Edwin Pahlow, Man's Great Adventure

One of the country's major sponsors of standardized testing thinks a national system may be possible within three years for granting degrees without requiring classroom attendance.

A principal tool in the current excitement over non-traditional study is the equivalency examination. About 1,000 colleges and universities are already offering at least some credit to students who pass tests in the college-level examination program (CLEP) of the College Entrance Examination Board. Now the College Board is planning to expand the program enough to enable institutions throughout the country to grant degrees on the basis of tests.

The expansion would lead to a package of some 70 examinations in a wide variety of fields, says Arland F. Christ-Jager, president of the College Board. He noted that the CLEP program has just received an \$800,000 foundation grant.

A Woman's World Reaches Far Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

It is worthy indeed for a young person to be able to stabilize his mind — not close it, but stabilize it. Maybe the scripture "whatsoever things are pure, . . . honest, . . . just . . . of good report, think on these things" include this aspect of mental discipline.

Coming around almost every corner, though, is someone who has in mind to challenge whatever whomever he meets has been taught as honest, pure, just, of good report. Assessment of a person's authority to challenge is surely valid. Having a reliable adult friend to check things out with is surely good for young folks.

This, I believe, is an area in which the trumped-up generation gap has robbed teenagers of something sterling in importance—older friends.

Most adults, even, feel a need for friends who are older than they are. More often than not these friends don't have to do anything except be there; however, because of having already lived through experiences, they can encourage, sympathize, and give direction, if need be.

I remember that many of the teenagers I grew up with had one or two adult friends to whom we could go for information and assurance and a brief spell of mature companionship. I valued these older friends then and have valued in recent years what I know now was their stabilizing influence on me. It was much easier for me to respect and follow such principles as honesty because these adult friends also respected and followed the principle. I did not feel alone in honesty because they dwelt there with me. I saw their happiness in following the Christian principles I was busy learning and deciding about for myself.

I had a sad conversation not too many years ago when a teenager was worried about a friend and didn't know what to do about the problem. This in itself was sad enough, but doubling the sadness was her answer, "No," every time I asked her if there were a pastor, one of her parents, a teacher, a friend's parent, any adult she could go to talk with about the problem.

Could it be that Christian young people don't see enough evidence in our adult lives that we are thinking on pure, honest, just, and of good-report things to ask us what we are thinking about?

Reckon we squabble with them over too many ticky-issues? — Address: Box 9151, Jackson, 39206.

Love is emotional and justice is non-emotional. Love is of the heart and justice is of the will. Love cannot exist without justice, and justice cannot exist without love.—John F. Havlik in *People-Centered Evangelism, a Broadman book*

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NEWEST BOOKS

"...Ironing Board" Writer Is Author Of New Book

THE CHRISTIAN WOMAN IN THE CHRISTIAN HOME by Wilda Fancher (Broadman Readers Plan Selection, 128 pp., \$1.50) Mrs. Fancher of Jackson, Mississippi, writer of the Baptist Record's popular column, "Beyond the Ironing Board," is author of a new Broadman Readers Plan book released the first week of April. Mrs. Fancher, Baptist preacher's wife, is a talented creative writer, and *The Christian Woman In The Christian Home* is the kind of book that makes being a Christian housewife a joy. The chapters discuss the things with which a Christian woman's life is most concerned, her God, her identity, her housekeeping, her in-laws, her budget, her husband, her children, and her crises. The attractive cover design frames the title in lace, like a Valentine. Mrs. Fancher writes with the same warm, original, natural, straight-to-the-heart-of-the-matter style in which she writes "Beyond the Ironing Board." Her outlook toward life is optimistic, and her delightful sense of humor flashes out from page from page, like the reflections from a sunlit mirror. Yet not only is the book entertaining. It is also inspirational. Mrs. Fancher has a special faculty for finding depth and meaning in the mundane, everyday things of life. Her "Ironing Board" readers already know about the refreshing and heart-warming way in which she writes with love and appreciation of her own Christian family. As you read what Wilda Fancher has written, you'll be on your way toward being a better Christian woman (or man, as the case may be) in your Christian home.

INSTANT STATUS OR HOW TO BECOME A PILLAR OF THE UPPER MIDDLE CLASS by Charles Merrill Smith (Doubleday, 288 pp., \$5.95) Dr. Smith, with a "carefully honed sense of the ridiculous" and "a sophisticated knowledge of reality" presents a guide on "how to make a meal not just of meals, but of the whole

life style." The author of *How To Become a Bishop Without Being Religious* has now applied himself to aid millions "make the jump from nowhere to suburbia and the bliss of the executive suite." Blending laughter with satire, he lists the ingredients, such as the proper clothes, the correct address, and the right wife, needed to be "where you want to be and when you want to progress."

LIKE A MIGHTY WIND by Mel Tari as told to Cliff Dudley (Creation House, 161 pp., \$3.95) Miracles are happening today in Indonesia as men, women, and children simply believe God and act on His promises. The islands in the Pacific are in the midst of what could be the greatest revival of the 20th century. Stanley Mooneyham, of the Billy Graham Evangelism Association, said, "What the Holy Spirit is doing in Indonesia today is more like another chapter added to the Book of Acts than anything else." The amazing events of this book are told by a brilliant, young Indonesian man.

ENCOUNTER WITH GOD by Leonard L. Holloway (Fleming H. Revell, \$3.95, 128 pp.) The "old" language of worship may be beautiful, but seems far from meeting today's needs. The "new" language of to say may seem gimmicky and contrived. How then is the modern Christian supposed to communicate with God? The author begins by asserting that God is greater than language and that words alone are inadequate to describe Him or to communicate with Him. This book is an innovative, disciplined manual for achieving deeper and more sensitive communication with God, with one's self, and with other persons.

BIBLE CHARACTERS AND DOCTRINES: ADAM TO ESAU/THE GOD WHO SPEAKS by E. M. Blacklock and Philip Crowe; **BIBLE CHARACTERS AND DOCTRINES: JOSEPH TO MOSES/GOD IN HIS WORLD** by E. M. Blacklock and Arthur E. Cundall (Wm. B. Eerdmans, paper, \$1.50 each) A new series of Bible study aids, these

are designed for daily use. Each volume includes 90 articles, half on important biblical doctrines and half providing sketches of Bible characters. Series will include 16 volumes.

WRITE-ONS by David Wilkerson (Fleming H. Revell, small booklets, 25c each or 10 for \$1.95) These tiny booklets give honest answers to troubled questions, dealing with issues people are concerned about. "Making Out," "The Jesus Restoration," "Spaced Out," "Witchcraft," "Moses and Music Festivals," "Homosexuality."

SUPERTRACTS by Paul (Fleming Revell, 50 cents each or 5 for \$1.95) These contain the ever-new messages of Jesus on love, salvation, peace, possessions, and the way to eternal life. They are perfect for use in street witnessing, the right size for pocket or pocketbook. They are in the shape of the dollar bill, the stop sign, the one-day sign, etc. Though the words are few, the message is direct.

THE JESUS BOOK (Tyndale House, paper, 440 pp.) An illustrated edition of the Living New Testament.

CITIZEN SMITH FIGHTS POLLUTION by Dave Gerard (Judson Press, paper, \$1) Humorous — but true to life — situations depicted in cartoons, dealing with the average citizen's fight against pollution.

HELP! compiled by Alice Hill (Tyndale House, paper, \$1.00 60 pp.) A small collation of scriptures on various subject as they appear in REACH OUT or THE LIVING BIBLE.

LAUNCHING THE CHURCH SCHOOL YEAR by Kenneth D. Blasler and Joseph John Hanson (Judson Press, \$1.25, paper, 48 pp.) This book gives specific guidelines for making the "launch" of the church school year so meaningful that a high level of interest will continue all year.



Solid Rock Festival On The Gulf Coast: A Place Of New Beginnings

By Dr. Wesley G. Ellis, Pastor
Handsboro Church

These were some of the scenes at the annual Solid Rock Festival in Gulfport on Easter weekend. Hundreds came to the beach to enjoy the music and inspiration, most staying throughout the hours of continuous entertainment.

Despite the cold weather on Friday night, at least three hundred persons assembled in the open air on the beach for more than two hours to

hear such groups as "The Fishermen" from Mississippi State University, the "Navigators" from Greenville, and "Whitlock and Crocker" from Clarke College. About 200 then attended the third session of the Solid Rock Coffeehouse until after midnight at the Youth Building of the Handsboro Church.

Crowds increased on Saturday in the bright sunshine and the cool north wind. Christine McClamroch Ahern won the hearts of everyone with her

singing and her sincere Christian testimony. Performers followed one another all day in a program of great variety which ranged from large choirs to individuals, from energetic to calm, from loud to soft, from band accompaniment with drums to a cappella performances.

People of all types were in attendance. They were scattered over the wide expanses of the Joseph A. Jones Memorial Park area, on the nearby white sand beach, and in cars fringing

the area. Sharing of Christian testimonies and the Gospel of Jesus Christ was carried on throughout the crowd, using mainly the "Four Spiritual Laws" and other materials from Campus Crusade for Christ. Two young men were observed with wine bottles. After a period of witness from young Christians, they were seen pouring their wine out on the ground. A fellow on a motorcycle said that he had heard about a "rock festival" on the coast and had come

down from Iowa on his motorcycle to "make the scene." What he heard at Gulfport was that Jesus Christ is the only "solid" rock upon whom we must build our lives.

As the daylight compressed into the glories of a Gulf sunset and then faded into the late Saturday afternoon darkness, the size of the crowd dwindled, for many had to get back home to prepare for Easter Sunday services. The wind seemed to increase, and it got colder. Many stayed through

the concluding part of the program, however, and were directly challenged to follow Jesus Christ. Torches were lighted and were carried by persons who formed a cross. Others responded to the challenge and picked up small wooden crosses and followed in a procession for several hundred yards along the beach, singing "At

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Today's Youth

Students Invade Florida; Witness During Easter

By Sandy Simmons

FORT LAUDERDALE AND DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (BP) — David Maze was one of thousands of college students who traveled south to the Florida beaches during Spring Easter vacation break with the use of his thumb.

Hitch-hiking was the popular mode of transportation bringing many of the 500,000 college students who came to the resort areas of Fort Lauderdale and Daytona Beach. For David Maze it was an opportunity to talk with people and witness to them.

Arriving in Daytona from Oklahoma Baptist University, he was one of some 300 college students from all over the nation who had migrated to the beach with a purpose beyond just soaking up Florida sun. The students from colleges in Tennessee, Arkansas, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Michigan and other states volunteered their Spring vacation to share their faith in Jesus Christ with other visitors on the beaches.

During two weeks in Fort Lauderdale, more than 192 students spent afternoons talking with transient students on the beaches, and operated a coffeehouse on weeknights. Their mornings were spent in Bible study and evangelism training.

The three-week beach project was coordinated by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in cooperation with National Student Ministries, the Florida Baptist Convention, local associations and churches.

"Through this outreach ministry we have developed many new friendships with the students here on the beaches, and that way we have found opportunities to share our faith with them," said Nathan Porter, Home Mission Board director of student evangelism.

In evangelism training sessions the students were told, "There is a real difference between 'zapping' someone for Jesus' and a genuine concern you must feel for them."

"What we need to do is move people from indifference and hostility to a place of searching. You must be able to give of yourselves to someone, not just give a 'one-way' sign," warned Dan Yearly, Baptist campus minister at Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Tex.

"To relate to the students on the beaches you must have a genuine concern and love, and also respect their viewpoint. You have to be able to love them, listen to them and laugh with them," commented Shuford Davis, Baptist campus minister at Florida State University, Tallahassee.

On weeknights in the coffeehouse

the students mingled with more than 320 students from the Fort Lauderdale beach who visited each night to listen to student entertainers singing and strumming guitars, and to share the sandwiches, orange juice and coffee.

"We met one guy on the beach Tuesday afternoon," a student volunteer related. "He said he had been on the beach three weeks and we were the first people he had met. He came to the coffeehouse that night. I was wondering how to start talking to him about Jesus."

The tables in the coffeehouse are covered with white paper and crayons are available. "I started drawing a picture of a tree on the table," the student continued. "I said, 'Let's call this the tree of life.' And we began to talk about things that would be on the tree; we agreed to put God at the top of the tree. Later we talked

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Youth Of N. Zealand

Show Concern For Others

Mrs. Phil Pomstra of 30 Victoria Street, Carterton, New Zealand, has expressed the following opinion concerning young people in her country:

"I feel that too many people say all the time that young people of today are good for nothing, because they are way out or different. And of course some are. And trouble and crime? Oh, yes, that is here in New Zealand, too, but I also see university kids go out and spend of their time to do shopping for the old age people, or have working week and work the garden plots of those that cannot do it themselves, or paint old houses that have fallen into neglect because the owners are too old to care for them. Students work in places like The Catacombs, where desperate people can go or ring up for help, when they do not know where to turn in their need. There are many such ways in which the young people give of what they have. I admire often the young school teachers, the way they work with children. And I never tire of watching children's enthusiasm in the learning process."

"I would say that Baptist young people, and in fact, all young people, in New Zealand are not all that much different from the kids over the States. Life here is different to what it is in America. Not quite so vast and involved. Still more simple and everyday like. Still more green hills and not many people (2½ million) in the whole country."

Mrs. Pomstra, a Baptist, has teenagers in her own family and so speaks from her own experience.



Burt Purvis, left front, Southwestern Seminary student and director of the Daytona Beach coffeehouse, watches over Red Cross blood drive in the coffeehouse where 72 pints of blood were donated primarily by vacationing students. (Photo by Don Rutledge)



Glen Davidson, right, Florida State University student, starts a sand castle building contest to promote conversation and witness with beachcombers on Fort Lauderdale beaches. (Photo by Sandy Simmons)



Football Signee At MC

Landrum Leavell (seated) of Wichita Falls, Texas, has signed a grant-in-aid football scholarship to Mississippi College. The 6-2, 210 lb. tackle was courted by several major colleges and played on a high school team that posted a 28-3 record over a three-year period. Witnessing the signing, from the left, are John Williams, Mississippi College head coach; Dr. and Mrs. Landrum Leavell, the signee's parents and former Mississippi residents; and Donnell Crosslin, Landrum's high school coach. (M.C. Photo)

One Of First To Attain New Step-Service Aide

By Mrs. David Webb

Susan Campbell was shy and too quiet at that first GA meeting when she was seven.

"Everybody knew so much more than I did," she says now with a reflective grin. "I just sat there and felt so small."

Today at 17 Susan is no longer shy and from her record the extent of her knowledge in GA's has also improved. She is a member of the older group, Acteens.

Since that first day in GA's at Meadville Baptist Church Susan has progressed through seven steps, and recently she went to Acteen camp at Garaywa with a new title, Service Aide. The new position was created because Susan has successfully completed all the stages in the organization, going higher than any girl in her church has ever gone.

One of her most memorable activities was "adopting" a resident of the local nursing home. "You just never know what being kind to somebody really does for you until you see their face light up," says Susan.

Two GA leaders, Mrs. Mickey Corban, now of Jackson, and Mrs. Lewis Sewell, now in Louisiana, inspired the young girl to meet all her steps. "They taught me that serving can be fun," she adds.

Susan Campbell takes another step this summer... down the aisle to receive her high school diploma. After that, she plans to go into training to be a nurse.

"I've got to work with people, and maybe missions work will enter into it," she says. "But I know I have to serve. GA's taught me that."

Susan Campbell



McLaurin Bus Reaches Young People

McLaurin Church, Lebanon Association, needed a bus and started praying about the need. After they found and bought an old school bus in need of much repair, the men of the church overhauled the entire motor, repainted the bus (top photo) and reupholstered the seats. With the bus ministry, many children and young people have had the opportunity to come to the church services who had not before. In the bottom photo are eight young people who have recently been led to the Lord and baptized by the pastor, Rev. George Bosarge. These young people all ride the bus to church. Front row, left to right: Debbie Hargis and Joe Warden (baptized two weeks ago), Linda Anderson, Ruthie Cameron. Second row, left to right: Ann Anderson, Lavanda Brown, Christine Anderson, and Brenda Cameron. Pastor Bosarge is in the background.

POWERLINE

LIFELIGHT FOR TEENS

God's Formula Simple: Trust Him

Dear Powerline: When I attend church, everyone talks about a close, personal, day-by-day relationship with Christ. They seem to be very close to Christ and they see Him working in their lives. I don't have that kind of relationship. I am a Christian, but I don't understand how to let God lead my life. I sometimes get the impression that one has to go around thinking about God all the time.

First, you're fortunate to be associated with Christians who realize the importance of a close personal relationship with Christ. If they genuinely seek it as much as they talk about it, you're in good company. But Rule No. 1 in the Christian faith is "Don't compare your experience with someone else's." Spiritual experiences are to be shared — not compared. The Apostle Paul got knocked off his

mount in his personal encounter with Jesus and spent the rest of his life talking to others about it. Andrew, on the other hand, quietly sought out his brother Peter and said, in effect, "Look who I've found," and then let Jesus do the talking. Clearly, their experiences differed. Yet both were vibrant, effective Christian witnesses.

As for letting God lead your life, here's God's own formula: "Commit everything you do to the Lord. Trust Him to help you do it and He will" (Psalm 37:5). The place to start is at the beginning of each day. Let your first conscious act in the morning be a firm commitment to let God lead in your every action and decision. Then go about your business, trusting God to do as He has promised. The thing is not to try to "think about God all the time." It's just to be confident that He's thinking about you.



To Give Command Performance

The Revelation (Youth Choir) from First Church, Jackson, will do a third and command performance of the young world musical "Love" in Jackson's City Auditorium on May 13 at 7:30 p.m. The young singers performed the Otis Skillings musical in two performances in March and had standing room only at both performances. Under the direction of Larry Black, the 120-voice group will stage the musical which combines contemporary sounds from the upbeat through soul-type to the melodic. Deeply spiritual in its message, "Love" appeals to all ages. Groups interested in reserving seats for the musical (tickets are \$1 for students and \$1.50 for adults) may contact the church office by telephone (948-6786) or at P. O. Box 1158, Jackson Zip 39205. Proceeds from this presentation will apply toward the Revelation's mission trip to Europe in June. Among the singers are four students from Jackson Preparatory School. In bottom photo, they are from left, Alynn Mann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Mann; Beth Green, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Byron K. Green; Chan Clover, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chandler Clover; and Carol Caine, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Curtis Caine.



N. McComb Youth Choir Presents Concerts

The above group of young musicians from North McComb Church, McComb, recently concluded a series of Sunday night concerts in several south Mississippi churches. The concert program consisted of sacred music from many composers in several styles. The choir is under the direction of Tommy Walsh of Jackson. Rev. Charles Conley is the pastor.



Student Researchers Study Pollution

The National Science Foundation has awarded Mississippi College a \$16,190 grant under its Student Originated Studies (SOS) program to study lead pollution in the Jackson metropolitan area. Heading up the student research project during the summer months will be Burke West of Jackson and Pearl, who directed a similar program last summer. He will have a team of students working with him on the project. MC was the only college in Mississippi to receive one of the student grants under the SOS Program. (M.C. Photo by Bill Strange)

The Church: A Witnessing Community

By Clifton J. Allen
Mark 5:1-20; Acts 8:4-40; 18:24-28.

We are concerned in these studies to gain a fuller understanding of the mission of the church. From its beginning Christianity was a witnessing movement. It spread as believers told what they had seen and heard and experienced relative to Christ. Witnessing was a person-to-person communication of the gospel. Jesus himself, during the days of his earthly ministry, was a witness to the saving purpose of God and the reality of his kingdom. Just before his ascension, Jesus charged his followers to be his witnesses to the uttermost part of the earth, to tell the good news of salvation and to declare their faith in Christ as their living Lord and Savior.

The Lesson Explained
THE WITNESS AT HOME (Mark 5: 18-20).

A church is meant to be a witness for Christ, first of all, in its own community. This is illustrated by Jesus' instruction to the Gadarene demoniac. Jesus sent him back to his home and his friends to tell them what the Lord had done for him and how he had had mercy on him. This incident illustrates all too plainly the first area in which a church is to fulfill its witnessing mission. Through its ministry of preaching and teaching, through ministries of service to persons in need, and — above all — through the personal witnessing of the individual Christians, a church is to make known to the people of its community the wondrous message about Christ. As Christ declared on another occasion, Christians are to go out into the highways and hedges, to persons who have been forgotten and neglected, and witness to them about salvation and press upon them the invitation and claims of the kingdom of God.

THE WITNESS TO STRANGERS (Acts 8:4-8)

The mission of the church includes

witnessing outside its own community — to strangers, to persons of other races, to all the people who can be reached with the gospel. Following the martyrdom of Stephen, Saul of Tarsus led a determined effort to stamp out the Christian faith in Jerusalem. So fierce was the persecution that all the believers, except the apostles, were driven out of Jerusalem into Judea and Samaria. But those scattered abroad "went every where preaching the word." Luke's account in Acts concentrates on the ministry of Philip in Samaria. With unusual zeal he became a lay evangelist. In Samaria his preaching was so empowered by the Spirit that multitudes were responsive to the gospel and became believers. The further narrative of Philip's ministry tells us of his witnessing to an Ethiopian eunuch, an official of the government of Ethiopia, whom he led to faith in Christ. The ministry of Philip is an illustration to challenge individual Christians in personal witnessing wherever they go.

THE WITNESS OF INSTRUCTION (Acts 18:24-28)

Whether Apollos was a Christian when he came to Ephesus is not certain. If he was, he lacked much in his understanding of the death and resurrection of Jesus. It seems that his knowledge was limited to the ministry of John the Baptist and to the life story about Jesus and his ministry. The point of importance is that when Priscilla and Aquila heard Apollos speaking boldly in the synagogue, they recognized the deficiency of his understanding of the gospel; and they took him tactfully aside and instructed him in the way of the Lord more accurately so that he came to a full grasp of the full revelation in Christ and of his saving work.

What Priscilla and Aquila did for Apollos illustrates an aspect of the church's mission. Its witness must include instruction, both of the unconverted and of the converted. Its witness is for correction against error and for the deepening and enrichment of faith on the part of believers.

Congregational Services And Music Outreach Conferences



The coordinator of the Planning Committee for the Congregational Services and Music Outreach Conferences, Rev. Bill Stewart, pastor, First, Eupora, announces three one-day conferences planned in three different areas:

May 9, First Laurel
May 10, Parkway, Jackson
May 11, North Oxford, Oxford.



Each will begin at 9:45 a. m.

Outstanding out-of-state personalities including Rev. Schuyler Batson, pastor, Emmanuel, Alexandria; Mark Tullios, Assoc. Director and Talent Coordinator, La. Moral and Civic Foundation, Alexandria; and Rev. Gerald Mann, pastor, First, Hereford, Texas, are scheduled on the program to motivate leadership in creative involvement of church membership in congregational services and music outreach.

These conferences are sponsored by the Church Music Department, Dan C. Hall, director, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

J. H. Herod Leaves \$30,000 In Trust For Needy Of Union Co.

The executrix and the attorney for the estate of the late J. H. (Harve) Herod have announced that in the last will and testament of Mr. Herod, he left two cash bequests, totaling \$30,000. This amount is to be placed on time deposit with the Bank of New Albany, with the bank as trustee. The interest proceeds from these funds is to go equally to the Board of Deacons, First Baptist Church and Board of Deacons, Hillcrest Baptist Church, each church to receive the interest from \$15,000. These interest proceeds are to be distributed by the Benevolence Committees of each church to the poor and needy of Union County.

The interest proceeds will be known as the J. H. Herod Benevolent Fund, and Mr. Herod especially directed

that the said Boards and Committees spend all of the interest proceeds each year for the benefit of the poor and needy of Union County. He provided that this trust fund of \$15,000 to each church would be perpetual, only the interest income to be spent each year.

Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

What Is A Church? Is It A Building?

Act 2:41-47
By Bill Duncan

When we refer to the church, most of the time people mean the building. "I am going to church." But surprisingly the early church did not have a building that could be the hall, sanctuary, or education structure. The English word church is from the Greek word meaning "belonging to the Lord." The Greek word, church, denotes an assembly. The greater emphasis of the New Testament is that of a local democratic assembly acting under the lordship of Jesus Christ.

When Jesus returned to heaven, He gave his commission to the church to be the "sounding board" of the gospel. This group of baptized believers commonly called a fellowship were the stewards of the gospel for all men. Paul the Apostle referred to the church as the body of Christ. The entire work was to be under the direction of Jesus Christ, the head, and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. The "local" church is made up of baptized believers who are bonded together to observe the ordinances, exercise spiritual discipline, and carry out the Great Commission (Matt. 28:18-20).

Many people have looked at the early church in Jerusalem after Pentecost and said this was the ideal and purest church. At the early development, everyone was aware of the strong power and fellowship of the church. However, it was not long until its fellowship was threatened and its mission questioned. The way the early church handled its problems and opportunities shows us what a church is. Therefore, a study of these scriptures will help you to see the result of the church following Christ as head and the Holy Spirit as guide.

Membership and Authority
At the first public invitation after Christ's ascension and the Pentecost experience there were 3000 who ac-

cepted the Gospel as truth and were baptized confessing faith in Jesus Christ. Each person by his own spiritual experience and decision became a member of the church. Each was entitled to equal privileges and responsibilities. As a member of the body each would fulfill his function in co-operation with other believers in an autonomy under the Lordship of Christ.

The church was commissioned to follow the direction of Jesus in world conquest. Jesus' ministry in Mark 1:14-15 was redemptive and characterized by preaching, teaching, and healing. Therefore, the church developed a program for its new converts around worship, education, witness, and missions.

When the membership of the church is interested in reaching, teaching, winning, and developing, it is a New Testament church.

The church was commanded by Jesus to carry out two ordinances or symbolic acts to signify that which Christ did to effect salvation from sin. Baptism by immersion symbolizes the redemptive work of Christ. The Lord's Supper is a repetitive ordinance to symbolize that which the Lord did for our salvation.

The Fellowship and Unity
No one can separate fellowship and unity in the church. There is no fellowship without unity. The fellowship with one another was so strong that every need of everyone was met because they shared so much. They owned their private things but they were willing to share them. When Christ comes into a life and creates love, one's attitude toward wealth changes and it becomes a means of witness and service with concern.

The fellowship was based upon common worship and happiness. These two should go together. Worship does not have to be a "comedy hour" to produce joy. That may distract. The

true joy and happiness is based upon what place Jesus has in the heart. This joy will enable the Christian to live under any circumstances.

The Witness and Mission
The membership was not closed by growth. "The Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved." This was the constant result of witness and worship. The people had a winsome attractiveness in the way they conducted themselves. Therefore, everyone listened to what they had to say.

An example of the action of the church was Peter's experience in the Temple when the lame man was healed. Peter and John did not call attention to themselves but to Jesus Christ. The response of faith healed the man and saved him at the same time. The power of the early church was in what they did with Jesus. The redemptive purpose.

Whatever the church may want to do, Jesus' redemptive purpose and program must be taught and caught. Church members should be different. Their actions and attitudes should reflect Christ.

"Wishbones" are people always wishing for better things but never really working or praying for their church's needs.

"Jawbones" do too much talking. They are like the woman whom Evangelist Sam Jones said "had a tongue as long she could sit in the parlor and talk the skill in the kitchen."

"Funnybones" are like that elbow bone that is always getting hurt. They are touchy, tender - skinned, and appear insulted at the slightest offense to them.

"Drybones" are no better than fossils. They may be orthodox but numbingly act as if they had been raised in a icebox.

"Backbones" are the spiritual support of the church. They work, pray, and seek to serve God and their fellow man.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK is a good time to begin a good habit of reading. Your church library will be observing it during April. The theme is "Books Bring People Together (and So Do Recordings, Tapes, and Other Media, too)!"

Church of Hope In Rio, Brazil, Now Owes Only \$15,000 On "Miracle Lot"

Dev. David Gomes, pastor of the Baptist Church of Hope in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and director of the Bible School of the Air, reports that the debt on "the miracle lot" bought by the church in downtown Rio has now been reduced, counting pledges, to \$15,000.

When a very valuable lot next to the Church of Hope became available in the heart of Rio, Pastor Gomes and the members of his church were able to buy it on faith, with very little cash on hand in the beginning, at a price of around \$130,000. (Previous articles in the Baptist Record have told the unusual story of the purchase.)

Gifts from Baptists in Brazil and the United States and other places have now reduced that debt so that Pastor Gomes feels it will be paid by May 31 of this year.

A sixteen - story Building of Faith is to be constructed on the lot, the Bible School of the Air and Church of Hope to be on the first floors and other Christian institutions using the upper floors.

Pastor Gomes reports that the young people's room in the tiny Church of Hope has become too small, so that the young people are holding some of their programs on the vacant lot.

He says, "On May 1 the church will go on a missionary trip. We shall go

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by buses a 150-mile trip, preaching in perhaps ten different places without Baptist work. By the way, we had a converted couple last night from a distant farm. They invited us to visit their place for a service. We have a real need for a bus. It could bring much to us in these needed trips, especially with requests from listeners of the Bible School of the Air."

The international programs of the Bible School of the Air are now heard through five shortwaves, world-wide, with a medium range of 500,000 wats. Also, Brazilian stations carry 26 Bible School programs every week.

Those wishing to assist in any way in the work of the Church of Hope in Rio may write to Pastor David Gomes, Caixa Postal 866-ZC00, Rio de Janeiro, Guanabara, Brazil.

Solid Rocks

(Continued from page 6)

the Cross, "Glory to His Name," and other hymns. Finally they came back to a bonfire and threw their crosses on the fire as an affirmation that Jesus is not on the cross — He is not dead, but alive! They sang, "He Lives! He Lives! Christ Jesus lives today!" They joined hands and sang "We Are One in the Spirit" and "Amazing Grace!" And then there was a closing prayer that the spirit of the Solid Rock Festival might continue in many lives and that Jesus Christ the Solid Rock might continue to be praised.

For several hours after the conclusion, some sat around and talked and meditated. This is a sacred spot, for here, at the Solid Rock Festival, at least thirty people made new beginnings through Jesus Christ.

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The Risen Lord: Our Light

By James L. Travis, Blue Mountain College

Many years ago a tired, sick old man voiced an age-old question, "If a man die, shall he live again?" (Job 14:14). A modern way of asking the same thing is, "Is there such a thing as life after death?"

The answer you make to this question is vital. If there is no existence after this one, then you give account to no one for the way you have lived on the earth. Live, therefore, by any standard of values that gives you personal, immediate pleasure. In the words of a plaintive modern melody, "If that's all there is, then let's keep dancing."

If, when you die, you are blotted out, erased as a chalk mark, blown out like a candle, then life itself seems hopeless, rather bleak and cold.

HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD. "Our Saviour Jesus Christ who has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel!" (II Timothy 1:10).

Jesus has brought life and immortality out of the dark. He has thrown light upon the meaning of life and the nature of man's immortality.

Through the centuries, dim glimpses of man's spiritual nature have been seen and expressed. Egyptians built great pyramids for their dead kings and filled the rooms with rich gifts for the ruler to enjoy in the after life. Some Indian groups buried a brave's horse with him so he could ride his favorite pony in the happy hunting ground in the sky.

These and other such actions portray men's belief in life and immortality, but they are shadowy, vague pictures of the reality.

Jesus, however, focused a bright, clear light on the nature of life and immortality when He arose from the dead. You can know with certainty about life after death by looking at the Risen Lord in the Scriptures.

There is life after death; Jesus arose and was alive again. Conscious existence exists after death; Jesus talked and taught. Personal identity exists after death; Jesus arose as a person. Human qualities exist after death; Jesus expressed human qualities. Individuality exists after death; Jesus knew His disciples and they recognized Him.

All that was true for Jesus is true for you, for He said, "Because I live, ye shall live also" (John 14:19).



Carterville Building New Sanctuary

Ground was broken recently at the Carterville Church of Hattiesburg for a new sanctuary which is now under construction. Pictured turning the first spadeful of dirt are (left to right)

Bible Conference At Lucien Church

Dr. Ray Robbins, professor of New Testament and Greek, New Orleans Seminary will hold a Bible conference at Lucien Church on April 21, 22 and 23rd. He will be teaching the Sermon on the Mount, Matthew 5-7.

Dr. Robbins has taught at New Orleans for over twenty years. Some of his former students are now pastors in Franklin County.

The services will begin at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and the Sunday morning services will begin at 10. On Saturday night a fellowship supper will be served. The public is invited. Rev. Charlie Seale is pastor.

Mrs. Birdie Pierce, Mrs. Nell Harper, and the pastor, Rev. Leland M. Hogan. Mrs. Pierce and Mrs. Harper were charter members of the church when it was organized in 1926. When the new building is completed it will have a seating capacity of 400, being constructed at a cost of \$130,000.

Names In The News

Dr. and Mrs. Charles A. Ray, missionary associates to Malaysia, have taken a temporary assignment in Japan (address: 309 2-chome, Nishi Okubo, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo 160, Japan).

Blue Mountain College Department of Music will present Robert Formosa, associate professor of piano, in his annual faculty recital on Friday, April 21, at 8:00 p.m. in Modena Lowrey Berry Auditorium. The public is invited to attend the recital and the reception which follows.

The reception, honoring the recitalist, will be held in Whitfield Residence Hall Faculty Room and will be arranged by the Vivace Club, Kitty King of Blue Mountain, president, and Mary Margaret Ball, Junior voice major.

Rev. Glen Savell, pictured, pastor of Eastlawn Church Pascagoula, was the recent revival speaker at Friendship Church, Grand Bay, Ala. Rev. Fred Wilson, pastor of Irvington, Ala. Church, led the singing. Rev. Robbie Howard, pastor of Friendship, said that during the revival there were 44 professions of faith, 14 letters from sister churches and innumerable rededications.

Dannie Rolison was recipient of a 16-year perfect attendance pin in Sunday School recently. He is a member of Union Church, teaches the intermediate boys class and is active in the choir. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Rolison of Enterprise, has two sons, and is married to the former Elizabeth Moore of Meridian.

Miss Ray Buster, 74, emeritus missionary who served for 40 years in Brazil, died April 3 in an Arlington, Tex., hospital. She had been living in Arlington since last July, and had been ill for about a year. A funeral service was held at the Steed-Todd Funeral Home, Clovis, N. M., on April 6. Burial was at the Mission Garden of Memories Cemetery, Clovis.



Rev. Hardy R. Denham, Jr., left, pastor of First Church of Newton, and Sam W. Waggoner, right, director of Sunday School, join in congratulating Glover Simmons, center. Mr. Simmons was recognized and honored on Sunday morning, March 28, at First Church, Newton, on the anniversary of his 20th year of perfect attendance in Sunday School. Mr. Simmons has been a member of First Church since December 1954, and is a member of the Men's Bible Class of Adult IV Department. Sam W. Waggoner, Director of the Sunday School of First Church, and John T. Thrash, the teacher of the Men's Bible Class, participated in the recognition.

Rev. Richard E. Martin of Jackson, Mississippi, became the Pastor of the Shalimar Church, Shalimar, Florida, on Easter Sunday, April 2, 1972. He moved from the McDowell Road Church Jackson, Miss., where he served as associate pastor. Martin is a native of Florida. He is a graduate of William Carey College and New Orleans Seminary. He held pastorates at Salem Church, Collins and Eastview Church, Laurel. Martin has been active in associational work. He served as President of the Covington County Pastors Conference, and as the Covington Association Sunday School Superintendent. He led the Jones County Association "Win" Campaign and was that association's Vacation Bible School leader. Mrs. Martin is the former Barbara Carpenter of Moss Point. They have four children: David, 14; Bill, 12; Ken, 11; and Lori, 3. They will make their home at the new church pastorage at 68 Meigs Drive, Shalimar, Fla.

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E. B. Conner was recently ordained as deacon at Wahalak Church, Kemper County. Rev. Kermit Sharp, superintendent of missions, Kemper - Neshoba Counties, delivered the address, followed by the laying on of hands. Rev. Kenneth Moore of Clarke College, pastor of Wahalak, at that time, read the scripture and made remarks on qualifications of deacons. (Rev. Berkley B. Boyd, Jr. is the present pastor.) Charlie Cade led in singing "I Am Thine, O Lord" and "Blessed Assurance," accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Betty Denny, Mrs. Conner's daughter. Others participating in the service included Roger Limerick, Ernest Stuart, and C. E. Edwards.

William Gullick, pictured, recently licensed to the gospel ministry by Temple Church, Myrtle,

is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Gullick of Myrtle. A freshman at Blue Mountain College, he is available for supply work. Rev. Danny Bryant is the Temple pastor.

Alan Jones, 10 year - old son of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace D. Jones of Faithview Church, Saucier, is one of the youngest church pianists in the Gulf Coast Association. He began playing the piano on Christmas Day when he was four. The first song he played was the hymn, "At the Cross," and it has remained his favorite. To further develop his exceptional talent, he has studied music with Mrs. Margaret Shaw in Gulfport for the past six years. Alan accepted Christ in the spring of 1971 and asked the church for "a full time job." His parents felt that "assistant pianist" was too big a responsibility for such a small boy, so he was elected "junior pianist" by the church. Alan played the piano for the Easter Sunrise Services that included the congregation of three churches in Saucier. At this time in his life, he plans to continue using his talent for the Lord.

Rev. Berkley B. Boyd, Jr., student at Clarke College, accepted the call March 19 to become pastor of Wahalak Church, Wahalak, Kemper County.

Rev. and Mrs. Paul E. Roaten, missionaries to Uruguay, have moved from Montevideo to Carmelo (address: Itzaingana s-n, Carmelo, Uruguay). A Mississippian Mr. Roaten was born in Tupelo and reared in Houlika.



Dr. Ralph Taylor, associate professor of music at Mississippi College and recognized as one of the state's and South's top pianists, spends many hours each week at the keyboard. He recently received his doctor of philosophy (Ph.D.) degree in music from Louisiana State University. (M. C. Photo by Bill Strange)

Off The Record

Just as the man of the house was leaving for the office, his wife caught him at the front door. "George, aren't you going to leave the money for that roast you ordered? And besides, I need a little extra for some shopping I plan to do today."

"Money, money, money, that's all I hear. What will you do after I'm dead? You'll probably have to beg."

"Well, dear," his wife replied, "even so, I'll be a lot better off than some women who have never had any practice."

A four-year-old, very shy to soap and water, was putting up his usual series of arguments about why he should not have to take a bath.

"You want to be clean, don't you?" asked his mother as she half-pulled him to the bathtub.

"Yes," sobbed the tot. "But why can't you just dust me off like you do the furniture?"

To take a great weight off your mind, try discarding your halo.

Passenger: "Do ships like this sink very often?"

Captain: "No, ma'am, never more than once."

Small boy to sweet - young - thing teacher: "It's a birthday present for you, Miss Owens, and here's a jar of flies to feed it."

Scott Called To Union (Clarke)

Rev. Harold D. Scott has accepted the pastorate at Union Church, Clarke Association after serving for three years as associate pastor at Fifteenth Avenue Church, Meridian.

Mr. Scott is a graduate of Mississippi College, and holds the B. D. degree from New Orleans Seminary.

He has held pastorates in Louisiana, Florida, and Mississippi, the most recent being Byhalia Church in Marshall Association.

Mrs. Scott is the former Charlotte Atkins; they have three children, Beth, a student at Miss. State University; Harold Jr., a senior at Meridian High School; and Leslie, also a student at Meridian High School.

His new mailing address is: Rt. 1, Box 471, Meridian.

Wake Forest Announces Homecoming, Memorial Day

A homecoming and memorial service will be at the Wake Forest Church in east Webster County Sunday, May 7. Rev. Tom Mitchell of West Monroe, La. will preach the sermon. He was reared near this church.

This church was organized in 1845 and has a historic cemetery. Rev. Wiley Finley, the first pastor, is buried in the cemetery there as was Rev. J. F. Mitchell, pastor of the church 22 years, his first pastorage in 1882.

Rev. Wiley Finley was one of the truly pioneer pastors of this area of



Forest Choir Presents "Seven Last Words"

The Chancel Choir of Forest Church, Forest, presented "The Seven Last Words of Christ," by Dubois, in dramatic form, Sunday evening, April 2. The format for the dramatization was written by their director, James B. McElroy. Soloists for the presentation were Mrs. Thomas Colbert, soprano, Forest; Charles Higgins, baritone, Newton; and Herbert Valentine, tenor, Newton.

Mississippi Women Collect Trading Stamps To Help Church In New York Obtain A Bus

Grace Baptist Church in the pioneer mission territory covered by the Baptist Convention of New York and affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention, has reached their first milestone toward the acquisition of vans for their bus ministry.

Recently Grace Church wrote each WMU of the Mississippi Baptist Convention asking for one trading stamp book to be able to obtain vans for their bus ministry. Many of the WMU's have favorably responded, so Grace Church has been able to send 500 books for redemption. The church needs 1100 books to obtain a van bus and they are seeking to raise 400 stamp books to begin with 100 buses. When Grace has received the necessary 1100 books from Mississippi and the van is obtained, shortly thereafter a picture will be sent to each church or WMU group which participated. The bus will carry a sign stating, "THIS BUS PURCHASED BY THE WMU'S OF THE MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CONVENTION."

"Thank you for your participation and as soon as we have reached

Mississippi, as were Rev. Gideon Woodruff, J. C. Butts, G. L. Jennings, and A. Price. These men of God were pastors of the first churches organized in this area.

Blue Mountain Plans Ministers' Alumni Day

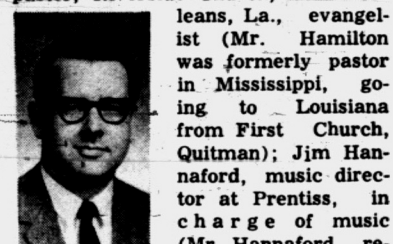
The ministers of Blue Mountain College are planning an eventful day for on campus students, alumni and their wives on May 19, according to Jerry Stevens, president of the Ministerial Alliance.

The day will begin at 11 a.m. with the Alumni Officer's meeting, with Rev. David Poe of Saltillo, president, presiding. Rev. Kermit McGregor, a graduate of Blue Mountain College and pastor of Temple Church, Hattiesburg, will address the student body at Noon. Lunch will follow at Ray Dining Hall.

An eventful afternoon is being planned for the men and their wives. In addition to the business session, recreation, campus tours, and fellowship periods are being planned.

Revival Dates

Prentiss Church, Prentiss: April 23-28; Rev. Jackie Hamilton, pictured, pastor, Riverside Church, New Orleans, La., evangelist (Mr. Hamilton was formerly pastor in Mississippi, going to Louisiana from First Church, Quitman); Jim Hannaford, music director at Prentiss, in charge of music (Mr. Hannaford recently moved to Prentiss from First Church, Hereford, Texas); services at 10:55 a.m. on Sunday, 7 a.m. during week and 7 each evening; Rev. Bob Sheffield, pastor; "One Way - Christ," the theme.



Central, Brookhaven: May 5 - 7; Buddy Mathis, pictured, young evangelist from Pascagoula, preaching and playing the trumpet; Mike Grim, minister of music (Mr. Hannaford recently moved to Prentiss from First Church, Hereford, Texas); services at 10:55 a.m. on Sunday, 7 a.m. during week and 7 each evening; Rev. Bob Sheffield, pastor; "One Way - Christ," the theme.

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